

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 18th 2003

Silent Key

Paddy Robinson, EI4CL, passed away on May the 11th last. He is survived by his wife Patricia, his daughter, Evelyn EI2DP and his son Alan is EI8EZ. Paddy will be missed by his family and his many friends in the Amateur Radio community.

May he rest in peace.

EMC

The EMC manager of the IRTS would like to hear from amateurs throughout the country, who may have or presently do suffer from interference to the bands. In particular the HF frequencies.

There seems to be an increase in interference to the HF bands in recent times. We need to gather a database of problems so that we can advance our investigations. The interference maybe in the form of a harsh rasping to a variable warbling noise and It can be as strong as 20dB over 9 on the 40m band at times.

Anybody who suffers from these problems are urged to contact the EMC Manager with details.

The EMC manager is EI6FE and can be contacted at QTHR or by email on ei6fe@eircom.net.

Challenge F8SH

The F8SH challenge took place in 2002 and was devoted to gathering information on E sporadic propagation on the 2 metre band. The collected logs are sent to Mr Jim Bacon, G3YLA, IARU research co-ordinator and serve to feed a database for the study of this type of propagation.

The challenge is running again this year. To take part, simply send a certified copy of your log with all the established contacts via Es between the 1st of May and the 30th of September 2003 to one of the promoters. Rules of the challenge and results of last year can be seen on the website challengef8sh.iffrance.com For the people who do not

have Internet, a copy of the rules can be obtained on request from the organisers : Christophe Auzzino (F8ACF), Résidence les Korrigans BAT 3 N° 9, F-56170 Quiberon (France) or Daniel Vandewalle (ON7VZ), Mazenque 25, B-7866 Ollignies (Belgium).

Antrim and District Amateur Radio Society

The 80 metre ARDF Event will take place on Saturday the 14th of June 2003 at the Crawfordsburn Scout Centre, Crawfordsburn Estate, Helen's Bay, County Down.

The event is open to all and you do not need to be a radio amateur to participate. The event will conform to the general principles of IARU events, but will be less formal than a Championship.

Further details can be found at on the clubs web site at www.gn4siw.co.uk or by contacting David G14FUM gi4fum@gn4siw.co.uk.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of the club will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 28th of May in the Roanmore Sports and Social Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

The theory classes running in Dungarvan every Monday night are now drawing to a close. Six students will soon be ready to sit the theory exam.

2 Metre counties Contest

Participants in the Spring 2m counties contest which took place on Easter Monday should note that the closing date for receipt of logs is Wed the 22nd of May 2003. All logs must be e-mailed or post-marked by this date. Late entries will not be accepted.

The Contest Manager requests that you send your log as soon as possible so as to facilitate the timely preparation of the results. Your attention is drawn to Rule 8.2 of the counties contest, which requires a brief summary of the station location & equipment, final claimed score, names and callsign of ops and most importantly the section entered. Logs without this information are liable to be disqualified.

Logs should be checked for simple handwriting or typing mistakes which can lead to an unnecessary loss of points. Logs should be emailed to contests@irts.ie or

ei2jc@hotmail.com.

Postal logs should be sent to IRTS Counties Contest, PO Box 462, Dublin 9 or Noel Walsh EI2JC at QTHR. Logs received by email will be acknowledged soon after receipt, Postal entrants requiring acknowledgement should enclose a stamped addressed envelope or postcard.

CW Field Day

This years CW Field Day will take place over the weekend of June 7th and 8th as a centralised event. Courtesy of Paddy Maher EI3AV, a site is being made available in Cloughjordan in North Tipperary. Expressions of interest should be sent to Contest Manager Noel Walsh EI2JC at contests@irts.ie or on 087-2375982 (office hours) or to Dave Moore EI4BZ as soon as possible.

This proposal is designed to give single operators, who would not normally have access to a group, a chance to participate in the Field Day. Existing groups are of course very welcome to travel and to operate independently.

The exact format will depend on the level of interest expressed. An early response would be appreciated. Non-operators who wish to travel to help with set-up etc. are also very welcome.

DX News

Steve, G0SGB, will be active daily from the island of Kos as SV5/G0SGB from the 10th of May for two weeks. Kos counts as EU-001 for the RSGB IOTA awards. Steve will be activating the nine lighthouses on Kos which are numbered DOD 008, 037, 038, 015, 012, 033, 051, 044 and 055. Steve QSLs direct only via his home call, G0SGB.

FK8HA is active as YJ0AHA from Vanuatu until the 25th of May. K4VUD is active from Thailand as HS0ZCW now until the middle of June.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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